

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims

1. (Currently amended) An adjustable sealing device for preventing the leakage of a substance from a valve having a stem extending outwardly therefrom~~contained in a containment device~~, said sealing device comprising a cover adapted to be mounted to said valve, a seal assembly adapted to be mounted around said stem, and a cam adapted to be mounted between said seal assembly and said cover for pressing engagement on said seal assembly and for camming engagement with said cover, said cam being configured for transforming a rotary movement thereof about a rotation axis into an axial movement thereof along said axis, and an actuator means to actuate coupled to said cover and adapted to move linearly when rotated cam, wherein when said actuator is displaced toward said cam, said linear movement of said actuator induces a rotary movement of said cam which is transformed into said axial movement, said axial movement causing said cam to press said seal assembly against said stem~~wherein the linear movement of said actuating means creates a rotational and vertical movement of said cam.~~
2. (Currently amended) An adjustable sealing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ~~cam actuating means~~actuator is a bolt or a screw, ~~comprises a bolt or screw.~~
3. (Currently amended) An adjustable sealing device as claimed in ~~claim 1~~claim 2, wherein said ~~cam actuating means~~actuator is ~~comprises~~ a single bolt or screw.
4. (Currently amended) An adjustable sealing device as claimed in ~~claim 3~~claim 1, further comprising a cam position indicator.
5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) An adjustable sealing device as claimed in ~~claim 4~~claim 1, wherein said valve containment device is a plug valve.
7. (Cancelled)
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17. (Cancelled)
18. (Cancelled)
19. (Cancelled)
20. (New) A valve assembly comprising:
 - a. a valve body having a valve member mounted therein for rotation about an axis, said valve member having a stem extending therefrom;
 - b. a cover mounted to said valve body and having an aperture through which said stem can extend;
 - c. a seal assembly mounted about said stem in proximity of said valve member for preventing leakage therefrom;
 - d. a cam mounted about said stem between said seal assembly and said cover for pressing engagement on said seal assembly and for camming engagement with said cover, said cam being configured for transforming a rotary movement thereof about said axis into an axial movement thereof along said axis;

e. an actuator threadedly coupled to said cover for engagement with said cam, said actuator moving linearly when rotated;
wherein when said actuator is threaded toward said cam, said linear movement of said actuator induces a rotary movement of said cam which is transformed into said axial movement, said axial movement causing said cam to press said seal assembly against said valve member.

21. (New) A valve assembly as claimed in claim 20, wherein said seal assembly comprises a seal and a thrust collar.
22. (New) A valve assembly as claimed in claim 20, wherein said actuator is a screw or a bolt.
23. (New) A valve assembly as claimed in claim 20, wherein said actuator is a single screw or a single bolt.
24. (New) A valve assembly as claimed in claim 20, further comprising a cam position indicator.
25. (New) A valve assembly as claimed in claim 20, wherein said valve is a plug valve.